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I. INTRODUCTION

1. The Conference on Disarmament submits to the sixtieth session of the United Nations General Assembly its annual report on its 2005 session, together with the pertinent documents and records.

II. ORGANIZATION OF WORK OF THE CONFERENCE

A. 2005 Session of the Conference

2. The Conference was in session from 24 January to 1 April, 30 May to 15 July and 8 August to 23 September 2005. During this period, the Conference held 29 formal plenary meetings, at which Member States as well as non-Member States invited to participate in the discussions outlined their views and recommendations on the various questions before the Conference.

3. Upon the joint invitation of the President of the Conference, Ambassador Chris Sanders (Netherlands), and the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze, the following dignitaries addressed the Conference on Disarmament during its 2005 session: the Honourable Pierre Pettigrew, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Canada (CD/PV.978), Mr. Manuel Rodríguez-Cuadros, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru (CD/PV.979), Mr. Erkki Tuomioja, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland (CD/PV.979), Mr. Bernard Bot, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands (CD/PV.979), Ms. Laila Freivalds, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Sweden (CD/PV.979), Mr. Borys Tarasyuk, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (CD/PV.979), Mr. Kassymzhomart Tokaev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kazakhstan (CD/PV.980), Mr. Eduard Kukan, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Slovakia (CD/PV.980), Mr. Itsunori Onodera, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Japan (CD/PV.980) and Professor Adam Daniel Rotfeld, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Poland (CD/PV.980). The Conference welcomed the addresses as the expression of political support to its endeavours and to its role as the sole multilateral disarmament negotiating forum.

4. The Conference also held 6 informal plenary meetings on its agenda, programme of work, organization and procedures, as well as on other matters.

5. In accordance with Rule 9 of the Rules of Procedure, the following Member States assumed successively the Presidency of the Conference: the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan and Peru.

6. The substantive Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament was composed as follows: Mr. Sergei Ordzhonikidze, Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament and Personal Representative of the Secretary-General of the United Nations; Mr. Enrique Román-

Morey, Deputy Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament; and Mr. Jerzy Zaleski, Political Affairs Officer, Secretary of the Conference on Disarmament.

B. Participants in the Work of the Conference

7. The representatives of the following 65 Member States participated in the work of the Conference: Algeria, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Cameroon, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Cuba, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Finland, France, Germany, Hungary, India, Indonesia, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Myanmar, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Pakistan, Peru, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, Senegal, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, the Syrian Arab Republic, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the United States of America, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam and Zimbabwe.

C. Attendance and Participation of States not Members of the Conference

8. In conformity with Rule 32 of the Rules of Procedure, the States not Members of the Conference listed in the following paragraph attended its plenary meetings.

9. The Conference received and considered requests for participation in its work from the 34 States not Members of the Conference. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure and decision taken at its 1990 session on its improved and effective functioning (CD/1036), the Conference invited the following non-Member States to participate in its work: Azerbaijan, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Ghana, Greece, Guatemala, the Holy See, Iceland, Jordan, Kuwait, Latvia, Lebanon, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malta, Oman, Panama, the Philippines, Portugal, Qatar, San Marino, Saudi Arabia, Serbia and Montenegro, Singapore, Slovenia, Thailand, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and Uruguay.

D. Agenda and Programme of Work for the 2005 Session

10. Following a debate at which the content of the annual agenda was reviewed, the Conference adopted, at its 972nd plenary meeting on 8 February 2005, its agenda for the 2005 session in conformity with the Rules of Procedure. The agenda (CD/1747) reads as follows:

"Taking into account, inter alia, the relevant provisions of the Final Document of the First Special Session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament, and deciding to resume

its consultations on the review of its agenda, and without prejudice to their outcome, the Conference adopts the following agenda for its 2005 session:

1. Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament.

2. Prevention of nuclear war, including all related matters.

3. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

4. Effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

5. New types of weapons of mass destruction and new systems of such weapons; radiological weapons.

6. Comprehensive programme of disarmament.

7. Transparency in armaments.

8. Consideration and adoption of the annual report and any other report, as appropriate, to the General Assembly of the United Nations."

11. Subsequently, the President made the following statement: "In connection with the adoption of the agenda, I, as the President of the Conference, should like to state that it is my understanding that if there is a consensus in the Conference to deal with any issues, they could be dealt with within this agenda. The Conference will also take into consideration rules 27 and 30 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, as well as paragraph 22 and other relevant paragraphs of the 2004 report of the Conference on Disarmament to the General Assembly, contained in document CD/1744."

12. During the annual session, successive Presidents of the Conference conducted intensive consultations and made significant efforts with a view to reaching consensus on a programme of work. In the course of these consultations, a number of informal proposals related to a programme of work were put forward. In spite of the efforts of the Presidents, the Conference was not able to agree on a programme of work and did not re-establish or establish any mechanism on any of its specific agenda items during the 2005 session.

13. During plenary meetings of the Conference, successive presidents, delegations and groups of delegations expressed their views (duly reflected in relevant PV's) on the issue of a programme of work, taking into account all relevant proposals, including those submitted as the documents of the Conference on Disarmament since 2000. Statements were made by some delegations emphasizing that linkage should not be established between elements of a programme of work, while other delegations stressed the need for a comprehensive approach. Support for these proposals on a programme of work is duly reflected in the plenary records.

E. Expansion of the Membership of the Conference

14. The important question of the expansion of the membership of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

15. Requests for membership had been received, since 1982, from the following 24 non-Members, in chronological order: Greece, Croatia, Kuwait, Portugal, Slovenia, the Czech Republic, Costa Rica, Denmark, The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Cyprus, Lithuania, Ghana, Luxembourg, Uruguay, the Philippines, Azerbaijan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Armenia, Thailand, Georgia, Jordan, Estonia, Latvia and Malta.

F. Review of the Agenda of the Conference

16. The importance of the review of the agenda of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

G. Improved and Effective Functioning of the Conference

17. The importance of the improved and effective functioning of the Conference was addressed by delegations in plenary meetings. Their views on the issue are duly reflected in the plenary records.

H. Communications from Non-Governmental Organizations

18. In accordance with Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure, a list of communications from non-governmental organizations and persons was circulated to the Conference (document CD/NGO/39).

19. To mark the International Women's Day, the President of the Conference on Disarmament read a statement on behalf of the NGO Working Group on Peace of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women related to peace, security and disarmament issues at the plenary meeting of 10 March 2005 (CD/PV.977).

III. SUBSTANTIVE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE DURING ITS 2005 SESSION

20. Significant contributions were made to promote substantive discussions on the issues on the agenda, and furthermore contributions were also made to promote discussions on other issues that could be relevant to the current international security environment. Under the Presidency of Norway four formal plenary meetings were held, in addition to the meeting of 16 June 2005 (CD/PV.985), during which delegations were invited to make statements on four subjects from the CD agenda and, as customary, on other issues relevant to the international

security environment. These plenary meetings were considered to be useful and constructive. Appreciation was expressed by all Member States of the Conference on Disarmament for the convening of these plenary meetings. There was a general feeling among the Member States of the Conference that efforts should be further intensified in conducting consultations and in exploring possibilities with a view of reaching agreement on a programme of work.

21. The substantive work of the Conference during its 2005 session was based on its agenda. The list of documents issued by the Conference, as well as the texts of those documents, are included as Appendix I to this report. An index of the verbatim records, by country and by subject, listing the statements made by delegations during 2005, and the verbatim records of the meetings of the Conference, are attached as Appendix II to the report.

22. At the 969th plenary meeting on 27 January 2005, the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament conveyed to the Conference a message from the Secretary-General of the United Nations at the opening of the 2005 session (CD/PV.969).

23. The Conference had before it a letter dated 12 January 2005 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations (CD/1746 and Add.1) transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session in 2004, including those making specific reference to the Conference on Disarmament. The latter are listed below.

59/64 Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (operative paragraphs 2, 4, 5)

59/65 Prevention of an arms race in outer space (operative paragraphs 5, 6, 8)

59/75 Accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments (operative paragraphs 5, 6)

59/76 A path to the total elimination of nuclear weapons (operative paragraphs 3b, 3c)

59/77 Nuclear disarmament (operative paragraphs 14, 15, 18, 19)

59/81 The Conference on Disarmament decision (CD/1547) of 11 August 1998 to establish, under item 1 of its agenda entitled "Cessation of the nuclear arms race and nuclear disarmament", an ad hoc committee to negotiate, on the basis of the report of the Special Coordinator (CD/1299) and the mandate contained therein, a non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices (operative paragraphs 1, 2)

59/88 Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels (operative paragraph 2)

59/89 Regional disarmament (operative paragraph 1)

59/102 Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons (operative paragraphs 1, 2)

59/103 United Nations Disarmament Information Programme (operative paragraph 6)

59/104 Report of the Conference on Disarmament (operative paragraphs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7)

59/105 Report of the Disarmament Commission (operative paragraphs 2, 7)

A. Cessation of the Nuclear Arms Race and Nuclear Disarmament

24. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on this agenda item, including on nuclear disarmament and on the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices. These are duly recorded in the plenary records of the session.

25. At its 986th plenary meeting on 23 June 2005, the Conference addressed matters related to nuclear disarmament (CD/PV.986).

26. At its 987th plenary meeting on 28 June 2005, the Conference addressed matters related to the prohibition of the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons and other nuclear explosive devices (CD/PV.987).

B. Prevention of Nuclear War, including All Related Matters

27. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item, and these are recorded in plenary records, previous annual reports of the Conference (in particular paragraphs 62-71 of the 1992 report to the General Assembly of the United Nations (CD/1173)), related official documents and working papers.

C. Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space

28. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item. These are duly recorded in the plenary records of this session.

29. At its 988th plenary meeting on 30 June 2005, the Conference addressed matters related to the prevention of an arms race in outer space (CD/PV.988).

30. The following documents dealing with this item were submitted to the Conference:

- CD/1753*, entitled "Letter dated 29 June 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation and the Permanent Representative of China to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the report of the International Conference on "Safeguarding Space Security: Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space" held from 21 to 22 March 2005 in Geneva";

- CD/1756*, entitled "Letter dated 5 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the summary of the second open-ended informal meeting on the issue of the prevention of an arms race in outer space held on 16 August 2005 in Geneva".

D. Effective International Arrangements to Assure Non-Nuclear-Weapon States Against the Use or Threat of Use of Nuclear Weapons

31. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item. These are duly recorded in the plenary records of this session.

32. At its 989th plenary meeting on 7 July 2005, the Conference addressed matters related to effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons (CD/PV.989).

E. New Types of Weapons of Mass Destruction and New Systems of Such Weapons; Radiological Weapons

33. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item, and these are recorded in plenary records, previous annual reports of the Conference (in particular paragraphs 79-82 of the 1992 report of the Conference to the General Assembly of the United Nations (CD/1173)), related official documents and working papers.

F. Comprehensive Programme of Disarmament

34. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item, and these are recorded in plenary records, previous annual reports of the Conference (in particular paragraphs 83-89 of the 1992 report to the General Assembly of the United Nations (CD/1173)), related official documents and working papers.

35. During plenary meetings of the Conference, a number of delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the issue of anti-personnel landmines, the detailed descriptions of which are duly recorded in the plenary records of this session.

G. Transparency in Armaments

36. During plenary meetings of the Conference, delegations reaffirmed or further elaborated their respective positions on the agenda item. These are duly recorded in the plenary records of this session.

H. Consideration of Other Areas Dealing with the Cessation of the Arms Race and Disarmament and Other Relevant Measures

37. During its 2005 session, the Conference also had before it the following documents:

(a) CD/1745, entitled "Letter dated 28 December 2004 from the Permanent Representative of India to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the address delivered by the Prime Minister of India to commemorate the Golden Jubilee of the Department of Atomic Energy in Kalpakkam on 23 October 2004";

(b) CD/1746 and CD/1746/Add.1, entitled "Letter dated 12 January 2005 from the Secretary-General of the United Nations addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the resolutions and decisions on disarmament and international security matters adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session";

(c) CD/1747, entitled "Agenda for the 2005 session (Adopted at the 972nd plenary meeting on 8 February 2005)";

(d) CD/1748, entitled "Letter dated 14 February 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Kazakhstan addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the texts of the Catalogue of Confidence-Building Measures and Declaration of the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the States Parties to the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia, adopted in Almaty, on 22 October 2004";

(e) CD/1749, entitled "Letter dated 30 March 2005 from the Permanent Representative of India to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the inaugural address delivered by the Minister for External Affairs of India at the Conference On Emerging Nuclear Proliferation Challenges in New Delhi on 28 March 2005";

(f) CD/1750, entitled "Letter dated 2 June 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland addressed to the Secretariat of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the statement of the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland on the occasion of the second anniversary of the Proliferation Security Initiative delivered in Warsaw on 29 May 2005";

(g) CD/1751, entitled "Letter dated 9 June 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the President of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting on behalf of the European Union the text of the Common Position of the European Union to the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons, of 25 April 2005";

(h) CD/1752, entitled "Letter dated 27 June 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Malaysia addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the working paper by the members of the Group of Non-Aligned States Parties to the 2005 Review Conference of the Parties to the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons held in New York from 2 to 27 May 2005";

(i) CD/1753*, entitled "Letter dated 29 June 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation and the Permanent Representative of China to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the text of the report of the International Conference on "Safeguarding Space Security: Prevention of an Arms Race in Outer Space" held from 21 to 22 March 2005 in Geneva";

(j) CD/1754, entitled "Letter dated 11 July 2005 from the Alternate Permanent Representative of Mexico to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Declaration issued by the Conference of States Parties and Signatories to Treaties that Establish Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zones, held in Mexico City from 26 to 28 April 2005";

(k) CD/1755, entitled "Letter dated 19 August 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting a declaration issued by the States members of the Collective Security Treaty Organization (CSTO) on 22 June 2005, as well as a statement issued by the heads of CSTO member States dated 23 June 2005";

(l) CD/1756*, entitled "Letter dated 5 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the Conference on Disarmament addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference transmitting the summary of the second open-ended informal meeting on the issue of the prevention of an arms race in outer space held on 16 August 2005 in Geneva";

(m) CD/1757, entitled "Proposal by the President on the programme of work for the 2005 session of the Conference on Disarmament. Draft decision";

(n) CD/1758, entitled "Letter dated 12 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of Austria addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the text of the Nairobi Action Plan 2005-2009 and the 2004 Nairobi Declaration adopted at the First Review Conference of the States Parties to the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction, held in Nairobi from 29 November to 3 December 2004";

(o) CD/1759, entitled "Letter dated 22 September 2005 from the Permanent Representative of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Joint Statement adopted by the Six Parties in Beijing on 19 September 2005";

(p) CD/1760, entitled "Letter dated 22 September 2005 from the Deputy Permanent Representative of the Republic of Korea addressed to the Secretary-General of the Conference on Disarmament transmitting the Joint Statement of the Fourth Round of the Six-Party Talks adopted on 19 September 2005 in Beijing, China".

I. Consideration and Adoption of the Annual Report of the Conference and Any Other Report as Appropriate to the General Assembly of the United Nations

38. With a view to commencing early substantive work during its 2006 session, the Conference requested the current President and the incoming President to conduct consultations during the intersessional period and, if possible, make recommendations, taking into account all relevant proposals, including those submitted as the documents of the Conference on Disarmament, views presented and discussions held, and to endeavour to keep the membership of the Conference informed, as appropriate, of their consultations.

39. The Conference decided that the dates for its 2006 session would be:

First part: 23 January – 31 March 2006

Second part: 15 May – 30 June 2006

Third part: 31 July – 15 September 2006

40. The annual report to the sixtieth session of the General Assembly of the United Nations, as adopted by the Conference on 22 September 2005, is transmitted by the President on behalf of the Conference on Disarmament.

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